

May 20, 2009

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MAMARONECK HELD ON MAY 20, 2009, BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM A AND CONTINUING AT 8:15 PM IN THE COURT ROOM OF THE TOWN, 740 W. BOSTON POST ROAD, MAMARONECK, NEW YORK

PRESENT:

Supervisor Valerie M. O’Keeffe
Councilwoman Phyllis Wittner
Councilman Ernest C. Odierna
Councilwoman Nancy Seligson
Councilman David J. Fishman

ALSO PRESENT:

Christina Battalia, Town Clerk
William Maker, Jr., Town Attorney

ABSENT:

Stephen V. Altieri, Town Administrator

WORK SESSION

Housing Authority

The Board reviewed the resume of Phyllis Karno and a letter from Robert Kirby, a Housing Authority Member recommending Ms. Karno fill the vacancy on the Housing Authority Board. The Board will ask Ms. Karno to meet with them at their work session on June 3rd.

Safe Rides

The Board asked Mr. Maker to follow up with Mr. Altieri regarding the protocol that should be established for Safe Ride’s use of the Kiosk.

I.C.L.E.I. Update

Councilwoman Seligson reported on her attendance at the I.C.L.E.I. Northeast Regional Conference in White Plains. She would like to see the Town continue with the work they began in accessing the Town’s carbon footprint. She emphasized the need to take the next step in creating and implementing a reduction plan; she recommends initiating a grassroots group. The Board spoke about County initiatives and grants as well as what the next steps would be in forming an environmental task force.

Proposed Zoning Amendment

Mr. Maker received correspondence from the Planning Board’s Attorney Kevin Ryan. Mr. Maker is waiting for formal comments from Mr. Ryan and is therefore, recommending the Public Hearing this evening be adjourned.

Co-Op Camp

Supervisor O’Keeffe reported on her (follow up) conversation with representatives from Co-Op Camp. They are actively fundraising to bridge the funding gap in order to open camps this summer. They have raised all but \$5,000.00. The Board discussed offering to fund any continued shortfall up to \$2,000.00 once the fundraising is complete. This item will be added to this evening’s regular agenda.

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Proposal for Cellular Antenna- T- Mobile

The Town has been contacted by T-Mobile with a proposal for a cellular tower in the area of Weaver Street near the New York State Thruway. The site of the VAC as a possible location was discussed. Although there are quite a number of issues to discuss, the Board would like to have T-Mobile bring a crane to the sight so that they can evaluate what an antenna might look like at this site.

Memorial Park Master Plan

Councilwoman Seligson has received a proposal from an alternative Landscape Architect. She will distribute them to the Board for further discussion at the next Work Session.

Special Meeting Notices

The Board discussed sending out Special Meeting Notices to the entire agenda e-mail list. Although this is not required by law, the Town Board would like the Town Clerk to follow this protocol.

Update – Consolidation/Shared Services

The Board discussed ways to move forward regarding shared services among the three municipalities. The Board would like to move forward with a moderated forum.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session to receive advice of Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Supervisor O’Keeffe at 8:30PM she then pointed out the location of exits.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - Repeal of Off-Street Parking in Residential Districts

The following notice of Public Hearing was entered into the record:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
May 6, 2009

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Mamaroneck on May 6, 2009, at 8:15 PM or as soon thereafter as is possible in the Court Room of the Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, New York to consider the adoption of a local law entitled “Repeal of the Off Street Parking in Residential Districts” Law.

Purpose:

Section 240-79 (B) of the Zoning Ordinance provides restrictions on off-street parking which have become anachronistic. The law was enacted at a time when it was less common for households to have more than one automobile so that parking the family car either in a garage or more than 25 feet from the home’s front lot line was feasible. Now it is the norm for each household to have two or three cars making it impossible to park all of them in a garage or more than 25 feet from the home’s front lot line.

In addition there were no SUVs or other extra large motor vehicles when the law was passed. Garages that were built prior to 1960 cannot accommodate some of today’s vehicles. Hence such vehicles are parked in driveways.

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For these reasons, the Town Board finds that it is appropriate to repeal section 240-79 (B) of the Zoning Ordinance.

The full text of this Local law may be examined and copies obtained at the Town Clerk's office during regular hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, or until 4:00 PM during June, July and August) at 740 W. Boston Post Road Mamaroneck, New York

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the Public Hearing all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard and that all persons are invited to submit written comments at or prior thereto.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF MAMARONECK

CHRISTINA BATTALIA
TOWN CLERK

Published: March 17, 2008

On motion of Councilwoman Wittner, seconded by Councilman Fishman, the Public Hearing was unanimously adjourned until June 3, 2009.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner O’Keeffe and on motion of Commissioner Seligson, seconded by Commissioner Wittner, the Board of Fire Commissioners was unanimously declared open.

Present were the following members of the Commission:

Commissioner:	Valerie M. O’Keeffe
Commissioner:	Phyllis Wittner
Commissioner:	Ernest C. Odierna
Commissioner:	Nancy Seligson
Commissioner:	David J. Fishman

1. FIRE CLAIMS

Commissioner Fishman presented fire claims for authorization of payment, thereafter on Commissioner Fishman’s motion, seconded by Commissioner Wittner, it was

RESOLVED that this Commission hereby authorizes payment of the following Fire Department claims as approved by the Fire Chief and audited by the Comptroller’s Office:

2434 CW Corp.	Car Wash	2.00
A & M Industrial Supply	CO Detector: Replace Calibration Bottle	268.38
AAA Emergency Supply	Hose	245.00
AAA Emergency Supply	Akron Nozzle Repair	106.00
Avaya	Service Agreement	18.55
Bound Tree Medical	Hand Sanitizer Sheets	34.25
Bronx Ignition Inc.	New Starter for R6	265.00
Cablevision	Cable Service	82.33
Cleaning Systems Co.	Cleaning Supplies	317.02
Con Edison	Gas-Utilities	20.21
Excelsior Garage & Machine Works	L19 Aerial OP Service	135.00
Excelsior Garage & Machine Works	L19 Light Housing Replacement	546.50
Fire End & Croker Corp.	Firefighter Gloves	416.94
Gundelach’s Equipment	Parts for Blower & Weed Whacker	52.09

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Harrison Paint Supply	3 U.S. Flags	113.85
IKON	Copier 4/30-5/29/09	267.52
Joseph Russo	Reimb. For Software Purchase	282.00
Larchmont Village Cleaners	March '09 Uniform Cleaning	16.50
National Standby Repair Inc.	Generator-Annual Service & Inspection	726.66
Oakland Beach Deli	Lunch for Colation-5/8/09	64.12
Proftech	Toner & Paper	109.99
Schnader Harrison Siegel & Lewis	Legal Notice 990 Filing	115.00
T.C.D.	Custom Patch-Large	90.00
Technical Electronics Inc.	Replacement Antennas	390.00
Tri-City Auto Parts	Vehicle Maint. Supplies	22.70
Verizon Wireless	Cell Service 3/27-4/26/09	287.54
Westech Elev. Services Inc.	May 2009 Elevator Maint.	175.00
Winzer	Parts	100.00

\$5,268.15

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Commissioner Fishman	Aye
Commissioner Seligson	Aye
Commissioner Odierna	Aye
Commissioner Wittner	Aye
Commissioner O'Keeffe	Aye

2. Other Fire Department Business

Commissioner Wittner noted the Fire Department will be marching in the Village of Larchmont Memorial Parade on May 21st.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Commissioner Wittner, seconded by Commissioner Fishman, the Commission unanimously adjourned and the Town Board reconvened.

AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN

1. Report of Bids – Installation of Curbing

The following report of bids is entered into the record as:

Attachment A and B

2. Authorization – Sale of Surplus Vehicles

On motion of Councilman Odierna, seconded by Councilwoman Wittner, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Mamaroneck Town Board does hereby declare the following vehicles as surplus, and

BE IT, FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that the Mamaroneck Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Administrator to implement the sale of these surplus vehicles on behalf of the Town.

**TOWN OF MAMARONECK VEHICLES TO BE
AUCTIONED 2009**

FLEET#	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	PLATE#	MILEAGE
1	1999	Buick	LeSabre	K61915	154,724
3	2001	Ford	Crown Victoria	BAA7852	37,020
6*	1996	Chevy	Lumina	K57955	106,977
15	2004	Ford	Crown Victoria	Old Car 21	43,399
71	1998	Ford	Crown Victoria	M29961	76,653
94	1999	Buick	LeSabre	TVK949	71,804

3. Approval of Certiorari

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Inc.
805 Mamaroneck Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Block: 821 Lot: 233

Town of Mamaroneck/Village of Mamaroneck

Year	<u>Current Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>
2000	\$125,000	\$125,000
2001	\$125,000	\$125,000
2002	\$125,000	\$125,000
2003	\$125,000	\$105,000
2004	3125,000	\$105,000
2005	\$125,000	\$104,000
2006	\$125,000	\$101,000
2007	\$125,000	\$100,000
2008	\$125,000	\$100,000

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Fishman	Aye
Seligson	Aye
Odierna	Aye
Wittner	Aye
O'Keefe	Aye

4. Salary Authorizations

Conservation Department

On motion of Councilman Odierna, seconded by Councilwoman Seligson, it was

RESOLVED, that as provided for in the 2009 Town Budget the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of salary to the following Conservation Crew members at a rate of 8.50 per hour:

Shay-Patrick Wheatley
Eric Degenhardt
Christina Degenhardt
Niashaly Lugo

Matthew Roque
Matt Connor
Jake Ward
Jake Davis
Bobby Autera

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Fishman	Aye
Seligson	Aye
Odierna	Aye
Wittner	Aye
O'Keefe	Aye

Recreation

On motion of Councilman Fishman, seconded by Councilwoman Seligson, it was

RESOLVED, that as provided for in the 2009 Town Budget the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of salary to the following:

Hommocks Pool

Elizabeth Eney	Lifeguard	\$9.75 per hour	effective 5/15/09
Shira Korn	Lifeguard	\$10.25 per hour	effective 5/15/09
	Swim Instructor	\$14.00 per hour	
Alex Daum	Lifeguard	\$10.75 per hour	effective 5/15/09
	Early Morning Swim	\$25.00 per session	
Katherine Spader	Coach – Spring Warm-up	\$35.00 per hour	effective retroactive to 5/5/09

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Fishman	Aye
Seligson	Aye
Odierna	Aye
Wittner	Aye
O'Keefe	Aye

5. Co-Op Camp Funding

Supervisor O'Keefe explained that as discussed at the Town Boards previous Work Session, cutbacks have reduced the amount of funding the Co-Op Camp is receiving, leaving a shortfall of \$12,000.00. The Hispanic Resource Center has been actively involved in a fund raising campaign, in order to raise enough funds to open this summers' camps.

On motion of Councilman Fishman, seconded by Councilwoman Wittner, the following was approved:

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes the Co-Op Camp Program is an important and worthwhile program that has served the youth of our community for many years, and

Acknowledging the tremendous outpouring of community support for this program, the Town Board felt compelled to bridge the gap in funding, while still encouraging continued fundraising.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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RESOLVED, that the Mamaroneck Town Board does hereby authorize payment of up to \$2,000.00 to the Co-Op Camp Program, and

BE IT, FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Mamaroneck Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Comptroller to transfer \$2,000 from the unreserved balance of the Townwide funds to Fund A, Department 7310 – Youth Programs Account # 4171.0.

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote:

Fishman	Aye
Seligson	Aye
Odierna	Aye
Wittner	Aye
O’Keeffe	Aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 21, 2009

On motion of Councilman Odierna, seconded by Councilwoman Wittner, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Mamaroneck Town Board does hereby approve the Board Minutes from the meeting of, April 21, 2009.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Town resident, Irving Scharff, addressed the Board with his comments regarding revaluation in the Town. He stressed the need for Albany to change the laws with respect to assessment.

Abby Katz, Larchmont Gardens’ Civic Association, asked whether the sign stating the Rockland Ave Bridge opening on May 27th is accurate. She asked for updates on the swales along the Brook, the correcting of the sidewalks and the Duck Pond project. She also asked the Board to look at the pavement edge that runs along the water side of the Brook, it is breaking apart.

Supervisor O’Keeffe responded with an overview of where the project stands today.

Ms. Katz asked for continued updates as information becomes available. She noted, again, the Annual Meeting of the Larchmont Gardens’ Civic Association, on June 8th.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Supervisor spoke of the wonderful presentation given by *At Home on the Sound*, at the last Summit meeting. At the recent Supervisor’s Association, she learned of the many layoffs taking place in other communities.

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REPORT OF COUNCIL

Councilman Odierna, noted the great turn out at the Mother's Day Luncheon at the Senior Center. He attended the Recreation Meeting at which Rob Lunde, the Ice Rink Manager, addressed the Commission regarding the Ice Rink, noting how well the Ice Rink is running. Councilman Odierna stated that at the Westchester Municipal Officials' Meeting, the topic of discussion was consolidation of services.

Councilwoman Wittner, noted the wonderful Village of Mamaroneck Harbor Fest; a great turn out, even though the weather was poor.

Councilwoman Seligson, noted she read in the newspaper of Councilwoman Wittner's husband, Dr. Murray Wittner, who has been helping Mount Vernon sixth graders prepare for their trip to Kenya.

She was recently in Washington DC, working with the National Wildlife Federation to secure funding for natural resources in the Waxman- Markey Bill, the federal legislation on climate change. Councilwoman Seligson attended a joint meeting of Westchester County and I.C.L.E.I. to encourage municipalities to apply for environmental shared services grants through Federal Stimulus Funding and Department of Energy Funding. She attended the I.C.L.E.I. Northeast Regional Workshop, in White Plains, with representatives from many municipalities working on reducing greenhouse gases. This workshop underscored the need for the Town to move forward with a sustainability plan. Finally, she was in Washington DC, working with Pete Grannis, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Clean Water Coalition to request increased funding for New York waters, especially Long Island Sound.

Councilman Fishman reported that a press release has been issued by the Housing Authority announcing that they will be presenting a check to the Town of Mamaroneck, as payment against the Town's initial investment. This is the second payment of \$40,000 in three years, clearly demonstrating the sound fiscal stewardship of this Authority. The Traffic Committee Meeting was cancelled, they will meet again in June. He congratulated LMC-TV for the opening of their new Studio 2.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Wittner, seconded by Councilman Fishman, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Submitted by
Christina Battalia, Town Clerk